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MEXICAN NATIONAL INDICTED ON METH, MARIJUANA CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was indicted by a federal grand jury today on methamphetamine and marijuana charges.

Jose Miguel Rosas Santoyo, 27, a citizen of Mexico, also known as El-Nino, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Santoyo** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Aug. 19, 2004, in Jackson County, Mo. In a notice of special findings, the indictment alleges that **Santoyo** specifically possessed with intent to distribute between 150 and 500 grams of pure methamphetamine.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Santoyo** distributed marijuana on Aug. 5, 2004, in Jackson County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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